

## PRAYER EMPHASIS 2019 NOVEMBER DISCIPLE MAKING

### 1. Teach disciples to do good deeds

*Titus 3: 8 - This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God will be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men.*

Are you being careful to engage in good deeds?  
Are you teaching other believers to engage in good deeds?  
How are your good deeds as a believer profitable for men?

*Lord, as I make disciples, help me to engage in good deeds and to teach the disciples to engage in good deeds.*

### 2. Teach disciples to live effective Christian lives

*2 Peter 1:3-8 - His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, 4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. 5 For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. 8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

How are you relying on God's divine power for all things that pertain to life and godliness?  
Are you making every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness, godliness, brotherly affection, and love?  
How can these things keep you from being spiritually ineffective or unfruitful?

*Lord, please help me to make every effort to supplement my faith with virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness, godliness, brotherly affection, and love, teaching other disciples to do the same. Thank You for Your divine power that has granted us all things that pertain to life and godliness.*

### 3. Teach disciples what it means to be a peacemaker

*2 Timothy 2:23-26 - Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. 24 And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, 25 correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, 26 and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.*

Are you avoiding, or participating in, foolish and ignorant controversies and quarrels?  
Are you kind to everyone?  
Are you able to teach?  
Are you patiently enduring evil?  
Do you correct your opponents with gentleness?  
Are you praying that God will grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth?  
Are you praying that they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil?

*Lord, through my own behavior, help me to teach other disciples to avoid controversies and quarrels, to be kind to everyone, to be able to teach, to patiently endure evil, and to correct opponents with gentleness. Grant my opponents repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth. Help them to come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil.*

#### **4. Teach disciples to love**

1 Timothy 1: 5 - *But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.*

What is the goal of your teaching?  
Do you love from a pure heart?  
Are you maintaining a good conscience?  
Do you have a sincere faith?

*Lord, help me to instruct disciples to love from a pure heart, to keep a good conscience, and to have a sincere faith. As I teach, help me to also love from a pure heart, keep a good conscience, and have a sincere faith.*

#### **5. Teach disciples to be mature**

Hebrews 5:12 - *For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.*

How long have you been a believer?  
Did you know that as a believer you are training to teach others about God and His Word?  
Are you learning all that you can learn so that you can teach others?  
If not, why not?

**NOTE:** Remember that God is the One who enables. His enabling grace and power comes with the your "yes". As you study and pray and step out in faith to teach God's Word, God will enable you.

*Lord, please help my faith to mature so that I eagerly seek solid food from Your word. Enable me to teach others to mature in their faith so that they will also become teachers.*

#### **6. Teach disciples to be ambassadors**

2 Corinthians 5:20 - *Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*

Are you representing Christ well as an ambassador for Him?  
In what ways are you allowing God to make His appeal through you for others to be reconciled to Him?

*God, as I teach disciples to be ambassadors for Christ, please make Your appeal through them and through me, imploring others to be reconciled to You.*

#### **7. Teach disciples to share**

1 Thessalonians 2:8 - *So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.*

Are you sharing the gospel with others?  
As you share the gospel, in what ways are you sharing yourself with others?  
Why is that important?

*Lord, help me to be ready to share the gospel of God and also my own self with others, teaching them to do the same.*

## **8. Teach disciples how to speak**

2 Timothy 2:16 - *But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness,*

In what ways can we participate in irreverent babble?

How does irreverent babble lead people into more and more ungodliness?

Are you leading people to godliness, or to ungodliness by the things you say?

*Lord, since the goal is to lead people to godliness, help me to avoid irreverent babble, and to teach others to avoid it also so that we will lead people to godliness instead of to ungodliness.*

## **9. Teach disciples sound doctrine**

1 Timothy 1: 3 - *As I urged you upon my departure for Macedonia, remain on at Ephesus so that you may instruct certain men not to teach strange doctrines, 4 nor to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies, which give rise to mere speculation rather than furthering the administration of God which is by faith.*

Titus 2:1 - *But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine.*

Do you know what sound Bible doctrine is?

Do you know what you believe and why you believe it - and whether what you believe lines up with scripture?

What are you teaching others about scripture?

*Lord, help me to teach only what is sound doctrine, and to encourage others to teach only what is sound doctrine, so that no one may be led astray.*

## **10. Teach with integrity, dignity, and sound speech**

Titus 2:7-10 - *Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, 8 and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us. 9 Bondservants are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, 10 not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.*

Are you being a model of good works in all respects?

In what ways are you demonstrating integrity, dignity, and sound speech as you teach other believers?

Do your life and your teaching beautify the doctrine of God?

*Lord, as I teach, help me to show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned and that beautifies the doctrine of God.*

## 11. Teach disciples to worship God in difficult circumstances

Acts 16: 22-30 - *The crowd rose up together against them, and the chief magistrates tore their robes off them and proceeded to order them to be beaten with rods. 23 When they had struck them with many blows, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to guard them securely; 24 and he, having received such a command, threw them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. 25 But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them; 26 and suddenly there came a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison house were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. 27 When the jailer awoke and saw the prison doors opened, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here!" 29 And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, 30 and after he brought them out, he said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"*

When you face a difficult set of circumstances, how do you usually respond?

Tell of a time when your first response was to worship God.

What are some ways we can see God's power at work when we worship Him in difficult circumstances?

*Lord, help me to follow the example of Paul and Silas, who worshiped You in the middle of difficult circumstances and saw Your power at work. Help me to teach other disciples to also worship You in the middle of difficult circumstances.*

## 12. Teach Disciples to Honor Christ

1 Peter 3:15 - *But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,*

In your heart, do you honor Christ as holy?

One way we demonstrate that we honor Christ as holy is to be holy ourselves. Do you practice holiness?

Are you prepared to give an answer to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you?

Are you gentle and respectful as you share Christ?

*Oh Lord, in my heart let me honor You as holy, teaching others to also honor You as holy. I know that the best way we can honor You as holy is to be holy ourselves and to prepare ourselves to gently and respectfully answer those who ask us for a reason for the hope that is in us. So please help us to make a genuine effort to be holy and to properly prepare ourselves to answer others.*

## 13. Look for opportunities to pray and to teach

Acts 16:11-15 - *So putting out to sea from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and on the day following to Neapolis; 12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia, a Roman colony; and we were staying in this city for some days. 13 And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to a riverside, where we were supposing that there would be a place of prayer; and we sat down and began speaking to the women who had assembled. 14 A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul. 15 And when she and her household had been baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.*

Do you look for opportunities to pray with other believers?

If not, why not?

Do you look for opportunities to teach others so that they can become believers?

What hinders you from doing this?

*Lord, help me to look for opportunities to pray with others and to teach so that they may become Your disciples also.*

#### **14. Teach Christ using scripture**

*Acts 17:1-4 - Now when they had traveled through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. 2 And according to Paul's custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, 3 explaining and giving evidence that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ." 4 And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, along with a large number of the God-fearing Greeks and a number of the leading women.*

Are you learning God's Word so that you can teach it to others?  
Are you able to explain scripture to others, giving evidence about Christ?  
What do you need to do to strengthen this skill?

*Lord, help me to take the time to learn Your Word so that I can teach Your Word to others, explaining and giving evidence for Christ and persuading others to follow Him.*

#### **15. Teach in the church and in the marketplace**

*Acts 17: 16-17 - Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was being provoked within him as he was observing the city full of idols. 17 So he was reasoning in the synagogue with the Jews and the God-fearing Gentiles, and in the market place every day with those who happened to be present.*

Are you available and willing to faithfully teach God's Word in the church?  
Are you available and willing to faithfully teach God's Word in the market place?  
In what ways are you holding back?

*Lord, help me to be available and willing to faithfully teach Your Word both in the church and in the market place - to those who are God-fearing, and to those who are not.*

#### **16. Be observant and ready to point people to Christ**

*Acts 17:19-31 - And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is which you are proclaiming? 20 For you are bringing some strange things to our ears; so we want to know what these things mean." 21 (Now all the Athenians and the strangers visiting there used to spend their time in nothing other than telling or hearing something new.) 22 So Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I observe that you are very religious in all respects. 23 For while I was passing through and examining the objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, 'TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.' Therefore what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you. 24 The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; 25 nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things; 26 and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, 27 that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; 28 for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His children.'" 29 Being then the children of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and thought of man. 30 Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, 31 because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."*

Are you being observant of your surroundings so that you can see opportunities to share Christ?  
How can you become more observant?  
Are you making the most of the opportunities you do see?

*Lord, open my eyes and help me to be observant so that I can make the most of every opportunity to point people to Christ.*

## **17. Be continuously trying to persuade people to believe in Christ**

*Acts 18:1-4 - After these things he [Paul] left Athens and went to Corinth. 2 And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, having recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. He came to them, 3 and because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and they were working, for by trade they were tent-makers. 4 And he was reasoning in the synagogue every Sabbath and trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.*

Are you continuously seeking to persuade others to believe in Christ?

If not, why not?

What needs to change?

*Lord, please enable me to continuously try to persuade others to believe in Christ. Thank you for those who sought to persuade me.*

## **18. Be completely devoted to the Word**

*Acts 18: 5 - But when Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul began devoting himself completely to the word, solemnly testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ.*

Are you completely devoted to the Word of God?

What evidence can you give?

If you don't know God's Word, how will you be able to testify to those who know scripture better than you do that Jesus is the Christ?

*Lord, help me to be completely devoted to the Word, enabling me to solemnly testify to others about Christ.*

## **19. Teach without fear**

*Acts 18: 9 - And the Lord said to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid any longer, but go on speaking and do not be silent; 10 for I am with you, and no man will attack you in order to harm you, for I have many people in this city." 11 And he settled there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.*

*Acts 20:25 - "And now, behold, I know that all of you, among whom I went about preaching the kingdom, will no longer see my face. 26 Therefore, I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. 27 For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God.*

When are you most likely to be fearful, or remain silent, when the opportunity arises to share Christ?

When are you most likely to shrink from declaring God's purpose to others?

How can you become more bold in proclaiming Christ?

*Lord, help me not to be timid, fearful, or silent as I teach Your Word to others. Grant me boldness.*

## 20. Take time with those you are teaching

**Acts 28: 23** - *When they had set a day for Paul, they came to him at his lodging in large numbers; and he was explaining to them by solemnly testifying about the kingdom of God and trying to persuade them concerning Jesus, from both the Law of Moses and from the Prophets, from morning until evening. 24 Some were being persuaded by the things spoken, but others would not believe.*

Are you setting aside time to explain scripture to others?  
Are you taking the time needed to testify about the kingdom of God?

*Lord, strengthen me and grant me energy and wisdom as I take the time needed to fully explain Your Word to those who do not know You.*

## 21. Warn disciples to be alert

**Acts 20: 28** - *Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. 29 I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. 31 Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears.*

Are you being watchful and discerning as you listen to various teachers so that you will not be drawn away by perverse teachings?  
Are you teaching others to be watchful and discerning?

*Lord, as I warn disciples to be alert, help them to be watchful and discerning, listening only to Your truth so that they will not be drawn away by those who speak perverse things.*

## 22. Pray with disciples

**Acts 20: 36** - *When he [Paul] had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.*

When are you meeting to pray with other believers?  
When it says that Paul knelt down and prayed with them all, it means he actually prayed aloud with them. Are you praying aloud with other believers?  
If not, why not?

**NOTE:** Prayer is not a spiritual gift bestowed by the Holy Spirit on some and not on others. Prayer, both public and private, is both the privilege and the responsibility of the believer. There is power and testimony in public praying. It brings answers that glorify God.

*Lord, as I pray together with other disciples, please hear from heaven and grant us answers that bring glory to You.*

### **23. Teach disciples to tell their testimony**

*Acts 22:1-16 - "Brethren and fathers, hear my defense which I now offer to you." 2 And when they heard that he was addressing them in the Hebrew dialect, they became even more quiet; and he said, 3 "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated under Gamaliel, strictly according to the law of our fathers, being zealous for God just as you all are today. 4 I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and putting both men and women into prisons, 5 as also the high priest and all the Council of the elders can testify. From them I also received letters to the brethren, and started off for Damascus in order to bring even those who were there to Jerusalem as prisoners to be punished. 6 "But it happened that as I was on my way, approaching Damascus about noontime, a very bright light suddenly flashed from heaven all around me, 7 and I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?' 8 And I answered, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said to me, 'I am Jesus the Nazarene, whom you are persecuting.' 9 And those who were with me saw the light, to be sure, but did not understand the voice of the One who was speaking to me. 10 And I said, 'What shall I do, Lord?' And the Lord said to me, 'Get up and go on into Damascus, and there you will be told of all that has been appointed for you to do.' 11 But since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, I was led by the hand by those who were with me and came into Damascus. 12 "A certain Ananias, a man who was devout by the standard of the Law, and well spoken of by all the Jews who lived there, 13 came to me, and standing near said to me, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight!' And at that very time I looked up at him. 14 And he said, 'The God of our fathers has appointed you to know His will and to see the Righteous One and to hear an utterance from His mouth. 15 For you will be a witness for Him to all men of what you have seen and heard. 16 Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.'*

Tell of a time when you publicly told others how you came to know Christ.  
What can you do to teach others to testify about their salvation experience?

*Lord, help me to boldly and publicly tell others how I came to know You, and help me to teach others to also testify about their salvation.*

### **24. Share your own encounter with Christ**

*Luke 24:33-35 - And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them, 34 saying, "The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon." 35 They began to relate their experiences on the road and how He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.*

What are some situations in your life in which you have encountered Christ?  
Are you sharing those experience with others so that they can be encouraged to come to Christ?

*Lord, when I encounter You, help me to share those experiences with others so that they can be encouraged to come to You.*

### **25. Have a genuine concern for their spiritual welfare**

*Acts 26: 25-29 - But Paul said, "I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I utter words of sober truth. 26 For the king knows about these matters, and I speak to him also with confidence, since I am persuaded that none of these things escape his notice; for this has not been done in a corner. 27 King Agrippa, do you believe the Prophets? I know that you do." 28 Agrippa replied to Paul, "In a short time you will persuade me to become a Christian." 29 And Paul said, "I would wish to God, that whether in a short or long time, not only you, but also all who hear me this day, might become such as I am, except for these chains."*

On a level of one to ten, how concerned are you about the spiritual welfare of others?  
How can you speak to them in a way that demonstrates your concern for their relationship with God?

*Lord, please give me a genuine concern for the spiritual welfare of others and the wisdom to talk about Christ in a way that shows I care about them.*

## **26. Have a genuine concern for their physical welfare**

*Acts 27: 30-38 - But as the sailors were trying to escape from the ship and had let down the ship's boat into the sea, on the pretense of intending to lay out anchors from the bow, 31 Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, "Unless these men remain in the ship, you yourselves cannot be saved." 32 Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the ship's boat and let it fall away. 33 Until the day was about to dawn, Paul was encouraging them all to take some food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day that you have been constantly watching and going without eating, having taken nothing. 34 Therefore I encourage you to take some food, for this is for your preservation, for not a hair from the head of any of you will perish." 35 Having said this, he took bread and gave thanks to God in the presence of all, and he broke it and began to eat. 36 All of them were encouraged and they themselves also took food. 37 All of us in the ship were two hundred and seventy-six persons. 38 When they had eaten enough, they began to lighten the ship by throwing out the wheat into the sea.*

In what ways are you demonstrating a genuine concern for the physical welfare of others?  
What needs can you meet so that others can see that God is real?

*Lord, please give me a genuine concern for the physical welfare of others, meeting their needs so that they can see that my God is real.*

## **27. Welcome those who are seeking God**

*Acts 28: 30-31 - And he stayed two full years in his own rented quarters and was welcoming all who came to him, 31 preaching the kingdom of God and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all openness, unhindered.*

How are you exhibiting a spirit of hospitality?

When others come into your home, are you teaching them about the kingdom of God and the Lord Jesus Christ?

*Lord, grant me a spirit of hospitality so that I will welcome all who come to my home, teaching them about Your kingdom and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

## **28. Demonstrate patience as you teach disciples grow in their faith**

*Romans 15:1 - Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not just please ourselves.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:14 - We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone.*

Do you demonstrate patience with others who are struggling to grow in their faith?  
Are you seeking only to please yourself?

*Lord, I confess that I get impatient with others who are struggling to grow in their faith. Please forgive me. Help me to demonstrate patience toward them, especially since You are patient toward me.*

## **29. Restore those overwhelmed by sin and its accompanying guilt**

*Galatians 6:1 - Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.*

Are you growing in spiritual maturity so that God can use you to restore those who have been overwhelmed by sin?

Are you maintaining a spirit of gentleness and watchfulness?

*Lord, help me grow to spiritual maturity, maintaining a spirit of gentleness and watchfulness, so that You can use me to restore those disciples who have been overwhelmed by sin, keeping them from stumbling under its load.*

## **30. Build up other believers**

*1 Corinthians 14:26 - What is the outcome then, brethren? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.*

Why do you say and do what you say and do in the church?

Do all of your words and actions building others up, helping them to grow and mature in the faith?

*Lord, please help me to teach and serve other believers for the purpose of building them up in You, helping them to grow and mature in the faith.*